

Social and Personal

Richard Ashhurst, of Philadelphia, who is visiting relatives here, was host of a box party last evening at the Academy of Music to witness the "Merry Widow." Mr. Ashhurst's guests included Miss Zayde Branch, Miss Mary Moore, of Maryland; Miss Nora Randolph, Miss Annie Cussen, Miss Julia Lee, Miss Nannie Patton, Miss Virginia Whitley, Frank Blankenship, Madison Mason, Fred G. Pollard, Herbert Ward, Dr. Marsteller, James Augustine.

Following the performance at the theatre, Mr. Ashhurst entertained at a supper given in the oak dining room of the Jefferson Hotel. Covers were laid for fifteen, and the table was set with pink roses and lilies of the valley.

At Westhampton. Social life has been unusually gay among the fashionable people living at Westhampton these past two weeks, and the days have been filled with attractive small functions and informal entertainments of interest. Informal afternoon teas without number have been given, and there have been several handsome luncheons of note. Mrs. Cunningham Hall will entertain a number of friends at an informal tea on Friday afternoon at her home, and another affair of note to be given at Westhampton this week will be a luncheon on Saturday, at which Mrs. Alfred Witherspoon will be hostess. Mrs. Witherspoon's luncheon will also be given at her home.

Albanian Wedding. Society all over Virginia is much interested in the wedding of Miss Mary Elizabeth Garth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Garth, to William Herbert Peyton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bradley Peyton. The ceremony will take place this evening at 7 o'clock in Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, with the Rev. Harry B. Lee, rector of the church, officiating. It will be a rainbow wedding, and all the decorations and the costumes of the bride attendants will be arranged with that effect. The church will be decorated with lilies and roses against a background of lilacs and white flowers. The bride will be attended by her bridesmaids, and the altar will be lighted with tall candles and decorated in white flowers. Miss Fannie Day Meade will play the wedding music, and will render an elaborate program during the half-hour the guests are assembling.

The bride's wedding gown is an exquisite affair, fashioned of white brocade satin and princess lace, and made with a court train. Her tulle veil will fall from a wreath of orange blossoms, and she will carry an English shower of lilies of the valley. Mr. Garth will give his daughter away. Miss Roberta Garth, who will be his sister's maid, will be pined in palest pink charmuse trimmed in Bohemian lace, and she will carry a big armful of pink roses. Charles Peyton will attend his brother as best man. Little Daisy Stockton Garth, who will be dressed in rainbow colors, will be ring-bearer.

Miss Garth has chosen four lovely girls for her bridesmaids, and their costumes are modeled after a very quaint and lovely style. They include Miss Willie Garth, who will wear pale green.

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charmeuse; Miss Margaret Maupin, of Charlottesville, who will be gowned in lavender charmeuse; Miss Rebecca Ross, of Washington, in yellow charmeuse, and Miss Annie Macon Potts, of Ashland, in turquoise blue. Their gowns are finished with insets of shadow lace and are embroidered with crystal beads, and will all carry big bouquets of Killarney roses. The bridesmaids are Bradley Peyton, Jr., Philip Harbour Peyton, Lewis Winston Garth, all of Charlottesville, and Dr. Cecil Dabney, of Baltimore, the ushers being William S. Humbert, Judge A. D. Dabney, Elmer Wolfe, Harry Dinwiddie, Hugh Nelson of Charlottesville, and Dr. Thomas S. Jones, of the Virginia Hot Springs.

A reception for the bridal party and out-of-town guests will follow the ceremony at the church at "Ingleside," the home of the bride's parents. The reception will be a very brilliant affair, and the house will be decorated throughout with evergreens and roses, with a great centerpiece of roses and lilies on the table in the dining room, where a buffet supper will be served. An orchestra will play during receiving hours.

Guests from a distance attending the wedding this evening will include Samuel Ross, Miss Rebecca Ross and Lieutenant Rockwell, of Washington; Frederick Scott Campbell, John Akin Branch and E. D. Harris, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Potts, Miss Annie Macon Potts, of Ashland; A. L. Miller, of Staunton; A. P. Pettigrew, Miss Alice Schenck, of Lynchburg; Miss Bettie McIntyre, Mrs. Mollie Smith, of Warrenville; Mrs. Harry Langhorne, Mrs. Reginald Brooks, of Greenwood; Miss Alice Peyton, of Rapidan; W. D. Langhorne, of Warren; Mrs. Kite, Harry Kite, Miss Virginia Kite, of Somerset; Dr. Cecil Dabney, of Baltimore; Dr. T. Jones, of Hot Springs; Charles S. Jones, of Richmond; Dr. J. P. Jones, of Culpeper; Mr. Thornhill of Texas; John McGuire, of Tazewell; Winston Fowles, of Sunnyside; William Ewers, of Charlottesville, W. Va.; Dr. Alexander Waddell, of the University of Virginia, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton will leave later in the evening to spend their honeymoon in the North, and after February 15 will be at home near Hot Springs, Charlottesville.

To Visit Country Place. Dr. W. R. Evans will pass through Richmond on Friday en route for his country estate near Doswell. Dr. Evans, who was at one time rector of Monumental Church, here, has recently resigned the rectory of a church in Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Sarah Hamilton was among the out-of-town guests in Baltimore on Monday to attend the wedding of a German given by the Bachelors' Cotillion Club. The third German for this season was given by the Bachelors' Cotillion Club Monday evening at Lehmann's Hall. The ballroom was beautifully arranged with smilax and the old gold draperies of the club. The first two Germans this winter were given at the Lyric and the managers have announced that the final German of the season, February 3, will also be held at the Lyric.

After a few preliminary dances the German was led by Tillman Goldsborough Pitts, one of the popular younger members of the club. The dance program was entirely of waltzes and the popular one-step.

Miss Gwathmey Improving. Miss Mary Burnley Gwathmey, of "Burlington," Kink, Williams County, who is at the Reisterstown for the sick, in this city, for treatment, is now slowly improving. Miss Anna Gwathmey and her father, Josie Gwathmey, who are in Richmond for a few days, are guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gwathmey, at their home, 3 North First Street.

Vaughan-Blanton. Of considerable interest here is the marriage of Miss Emma Elizabeth Blanton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Blanton, and Virginia Nelson Vaughan, which took place yesterday afternoon at half-after 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church in Farmville. The groom is a son of the late Dr. J. H. Vaughan and has a number of relatives living in Richmond. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ivanhoe Robertson and J. L. Buss, uncle of the bride, was master of ceremonies.

The decorations at the church were in palms and ferns, and Lohengrin's Wedding March was played as a professional and the march from Mendelssohn as the bridal party left the church. John Vaughan, of this city, attended his cousin as best man, and the ushers were Frank S. Blanton, of Farmville; Foster Vaughan, of Ashland; Dr. Burton Blanton, Jr., of Richmond, and Henry T. Vaughan, of this city.

The bride entered the church with her father and was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man. She wore a smart going-away suit of blue cloth with a hat of the same shade and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor, Miss Ruth Marston Blanton, a sister of the bride, wore a gown of white cloth with a big black hat and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan left later for an extended trip South, and on their return will make their home at 410 West Grace Street, Richmond. Some of the guests from a distance were Misses Frances and Katherine Vaughan, of Centralia; Henry M. Vaughan, Henry T. Vaughan, John Vaughan, Thomas Snellings, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Marshall Vaughan, all of this city; Dr. S. C. Hatcher, of Ashland; E. Irving Buzz, of New York City; A. Howard Blanton, of Rock Hill, N. C.; A. Sidney Vaughan, of Hinton, Alfred Gray, C. M. Corling and D. B. Blanton, Jr., all of Richmond.

Entertained at Luncheon. Mrs. W. B. Hays and Mrs. Hampton Hays entertained at luncheon on New Year's day in honor of their sister, Miss Margaret Boyd deJarnette, whose engagement to E. A. Crawford, of Atlanta, Ga., has just been announced.

nounced. Covers were laid for eight guests.

Leaving Town. Mrs. Joseph Solari, of 2808 East Franklin Street, and Mrs. Nellie O'Grady, of Denny Street, left town yesterday for Portsmouth, where they will attend the marriage of their cousin, Miss Marie Lucille Mulvey. Miss Mulvey will be married to-day, at St. Paul's Church in this city, to John Joyce.

Mrs. William P. Braxton, of 2300 Park Avenue, who has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, of St. Louis, expects to spend the months of February and March visiting Mrs. Kenna Foote in Canton, Mass., and Mrs. Houston Johnston in Birmingham, Ala.

Annual Ball. One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was the annual ball given by the Omicron Gamma Gamma, at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at the Masonic Temple on Friday evening. The ballroom was beautifully decorated with pennants and banners representing nearly every college in the East. At midnight supper was served and then dancing was resumed until 2 o'clock.

By W. Paul, dancing with Miss Putney, led the German.

Others dancing were W. R. Legge, of Washington, with Miss Lee Courtney; T. T. Henley with Miss Reba Bradley; P. P. Phillips, of Hampton, with Miss Ellen Thompson; J. B. Peake, of Norfolk, with Miss Margaret Brannon; T. T. Peake, of Norfolk, with Miss Louise Eubank; R. C. Brauer with Miss Louise Kirschman; W. G. Warrick with Miss Ward; T. B. Trevett with Miss Louise Saunders; G. M. Somerville with Miss Quaker; E. H. Hennrich with Miss Quaker; J. W. Jewett with Miss Ethel Whitsett; C. S. Snead with Miss Gladys Thaw; J. P. Richter with Miss Moore; N. T. Brown with Miss Winn; E. B. Rose with Miss Wyatt; G. B. Peaseley with Miss Juliet Anderson; S. M. Bendas with Miss Frances Humphrey; W. P. Lecky with Miss Ruth Arden; F. W. Woodrow with Miss Jackson; George Paul, of Washington and with Miss Gregory, and Frank C. Cooper with Miss Elizabeth Tyler.

The chapters were Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rose, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. William Bradley, Mrs. Peaseley, Mrs. R. M. Anderson, Mrs. George Paul and Mrs. Davidson.

U. D. C. Meeting. The annual meeting of the Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held this morning at 11 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall. All members are urged to be present, as much important business will be transacted at this meeting.

Installation of Officers. The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Nest of Owls, will be held

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The following were elected to fill the offices for the ensuing year at the annual meeting held December 19 in Smith Hall:

Mrs. J. Levensohn, past president; Mrs. W. H. O'Neil, president; Mrs. J. L. Asher, vice-president; Mrs. J. J. Williams, secretary; Mrs. Louise Vermilera, treasurer; Mrs. Alice M. Lewis, invocator; Mrs. J. P. Solari, warden; Mrs. T. Grace, sentinel; Mrs. J. W. Jewell, Trustee; Mrs. Margaret Dillpickel, Trustee; Mrs. B. H. Thompson, Mrs. R. C. Hilliard.

Dr. J. H. Hinchman, medical examiner; Mrs. Eula M. Mountcastle, musical director.

Gymnasium Classes Resumed. The gymnasium classes of the Young Women's Christian Association were reopened on Monday, January 6, with regular attendance. The classes were suspended during the Christmas vacation, and have now resumed work with the remaining winter months with a number of new members enrolled.

In and Out of Town. Miss Lettie Woodward, who has been visiting relatives in Staunton for the past two months, has returned to the city.

Miss Martha Chambers has returned to Hollins College, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Chambers, on Park Avenue.

Richard Williams, of Washington, has been the recent guest of the Rt. Rev. Robert A. Gibson here.

Arthur Caperton, who has been spending the holidays at his home at Westhampton, has returned to school at Warrenton, N. C.

Misses Glenn, Margaret and Emma Atkinson and Grace Elder have returned to Staunton, after a visit to Major and Mrs. James Dooley, at "Maymont."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haskins, of this city, are spending some time at Virginia Beach.

Dr. W. C. Fitzgerald, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Fitzgerald, at the Guerrant Hotel, has returned to his home in Albemarle, N. C.

Judge G. M. Harrison, of Staunton, is in the city for a stay of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitehurst have returned to Richmond, after a visit to relatives at Virginia Beach and in Norfolk.

W. R. Quinn has returned to his home in Cleveland, O., after spending some time with relatives here.

Slater Blackstone, of New York City, has been the recent guest of Colonel and Mrs. John W. Richardson, on Grove Avenue.

Mrs. Philip Gibson has returned to her home, 1255 1-2 West Grace Street, after a visit to West Point.

Miss Lucile Bray, who has been the guest of her parents at Wakama, has returned to Hollins College.

Miss Lela Harrison Dew, of Wittenburg, is spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. George M. West, of 2300 Park Avenue.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Miss Augusta Daniel will give the first of her series of lectures on architecture at the Woman's Club.

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APPOINTED MILITARY GOVERNOR OF PARIS

General Victor Constant Michel
Advanced to Important Office.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FORTENOY.

GENERAL VICTOR CONSTANT MICHEL, formerly vice-president of the Superior Council of War and chief of staff, with the commission of generalissimo in the event of war, has just been appointed military governor of Paris. It is the most important military office under the republic; superior even to that which he formerly held. For whereas the vice-president of the Council of War and the chief of staff only receives the supreme command of the troops in the event of war, it is to the military governor of Paris that the government of the republic looks at all times for its preservation from overthrow by the popular risings in the metropolis which have been responsible for so many revolutions and changes of regime in France.

The metropolitan military district over which General Michel now rules supreme in a military sense, embraces not only all Paris and its suburbs, as well as the elaborate system of fortifications by which it is surrounded, and too, the great military schools and arsenals, but also the army divisions of Rouen, Mans and Orleans. In fact, he has under his command the largest body of troops placed under any one officer in time of peace—and they are all picked troops at that; the troops upon whom the public depend to preserve it from any insurrection, such as that of the Commune in 1871, and from any monarchical coup.

If the military governor of Paris fails in his duty, if he betrays his trust, then the republic as now constituted is lost. It is no exaggeration to assert that its entire existence is staked on the loyalty and efficiency of this one single general. And that is why he has always been chosen by the government with such remarkable care of duty and of honor. No higher compliment could be paid to General Michel than the universal approval which his appointment to the military governorship of Paris has received from all sides.

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The opinion in the case, by Justice Pitney, upheld the famous Atherton divorce decision of Kentucky, approved by the court several years ago, but since attacked as unsound.

at the Berlin War Department of being the ablest commander of the French army. Nowhere are the capacities of a French general subjected to more stringent scrutiny than at Berlin, for reasons which are obvious, and he is noted there for his exceptional cleverness in handling and moving large masses of troops, for his sound judgment and his levelheadedness. He graduated from the military college of St. Cyr in 1873, and was dangerously wounded during the war of 1870-71, from which he emerged with the rank of captain at the age of twenty-three and the Cross of the Legion of Honor for conspicuous gallantry on the battlefield. He was a full-fledged colonel at thirty-four. By those United States officers who served as military attaches at the American embassy in Paris he will be remembered as chief of Cabinet of Generals Billot, Mercier and Zurlinden, when they were each Minister of War. He is a very handsome man, of commanding presence, and when I mention that he spent several years as professor at the war school, that is to say, the Staff College, it will be realized that he is a scientific soldier as well as one who is an adept in all the practical arts of war.

General Michel, who is sixty-three years of age, and who has forty-five years of service in the army to his credit, is the thirteenth military governor of Paris since the establishment of the present republic in 1870, the most notable of his predecessors having been General Sausser, who held the post for fourteen years; General Florentin, now Grand Chancellor of the Order of the Legion of Honor; General Brugere, who held the post for three years, which he has frequently visited in an official capacity, and General de Ladmiraux, who took charge of Paris in a military sense immediately after the Commune insurrection. There was no military governor of the metropolis prior to 1870, the officer in command of the troops of the district being the title of general in Napoleon III's time first by General Charnier and afterwards, up to the time of the overthrow of the empire, by Marshal MacMahon.

Lord Ashbrook, shown by recent legal proceedings at Dublin to be in the hands of the moneylenders, who have obtained a number of judgments against him, is the eighth viscount of his line and is one of the victims of agrarian conditions in Ireland, where the former Lord Ashbrook owned vast estates, and were renowned for their wealth. Indeed, the Ashbrook estates extended at one time over 100,000 acres, and when the elder brother of the present viscount succeeded to the property, the Castle Durrow estate, in the family since the reign of Charles II., was estimated at 43,000 acres. He is quite an old man, in the neighborhood of eighty, and that he must be in very straitened circumstances is best shown by the fact that one of his married daughters, Mrs. Harry Bernest White, of Ashgrove, Queen's County, figured in the loan transactions with the usurers, as the indorser of his dishonored notes. His patronymic is Flower. He is descended from Sir William Flower, who won distinction in the Irish rebellion of 1841, the peerage being bestowed upon his grand-nephew and heir.

It was the second Viscount Ashbrook who contracted so romantic a marriage, similar indeed, to that of the first Marquis of Exeter and Sally Hoggin, immortalized by Lord Tennyson in his poem entitled "The Lord of Burleigh." The second Viscount Ashbrook came into his title when he was but eight years of age. At nineteen he was sent to Oxford, to Magdalen College, where the Prince of Wales is now established, and while there fell in love with the beautiful Betty Rudge, daughter of old Rudge, the ferryman at Cumnor ferry. Like Lord Exeter in the case of "The Lord of Burleigh," he maintained a strict incognito, and it was under the name of "William Flower" that he won the heart of the girl.

The ferryman's father, however, would not hear of any marriage of his daughter to a man whom he regarded as a penniless, shiftless, Oxford undergraduate, declaring that the difference of education and social status would be bound to result in unhappiness for his daughter.

At length, however, the young peer revealed his identity, and got the old ferryman to consent that the girl should be placed at his expense in the charge of the lady principal of the leading girls' school at Reading; that she should remain there for three years; that during that time he should only see her in the presence of her parents, and that at the end of that period she should have the right to accept him or to refuse him, and that if he should decline to marry her he was to endow her with a sum of \$10,000.

As soon as ever the three years were elapsed, he married her, in Northampton Church, and the marriage turned out very happily in every respect, society, contrary to its usual practice in such cases, receiving her with open arms. She had two sons, each of whom succeeded in turn to their father's title; and since her granddaughter married the sixth Duke of Marlborough, she may be regarded as one of the ancestresses of the present duke of that ilk.

The sixth Lord Ashbrook, eldest brother of the present peer, was less fortunate in his matrimonial affairs. For his marriage was dissolved by means of a very sensational divorce case in 1877.

The present Lord Ashbrook has a couple of sons and three daughters, the eldest son being the Hon. Low-arch Flower, married to a daughter of General Sir George Hignett and a pronounced Tory, consequently an anti-home-ruler.

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